

PLEADS FOR BIG NAVY

Gov. Swanson Makes Forceful Speech on Subject.

RECALLS WARNING TO GERMANS

In Presenting Silver Service to Battle Ship, Executive Points Out Necessity for Effective Sea Power. Presentation Also Made to Battle Ship Tennessee in Hampton Roads.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 15.—Gov. Swanson and a party of distinguished State officials to-day attended the presentation of a silver service given by the State to the battle ship Virginia in Hampton Roads. Gov. Swanson made the principal address, to which the ship's captain responded. The service cost the State \$4,500, and was made in Philadelphia.

At the same hour, and just a short distance away, Gov. Cox, of Tennessee, who headed a delegation of 200 from that State, presented a \$7,000 silver service to the battle ship Tennessee.

When Dewey "Called" von Dietrich. Gov. Swanson, in the course of his address, said:

"The people of Virginia would consider that I had but half performed my duty upon this occasion if I should fail to give expression to their profound admiration of the navy for its conspicuous record. The first flag that ever floated over an American man-of-war was hoisted by the heroic hands of John Paul Jones, and here the device of a pine tree and a rattlesnake, with the motto, 'Don't tread on me,' a warning which from that day no one has dared to disobey without receiving a deadly stroke.

"It was well that Admiral von Dietrich, who commanded the German fleet at Manila, and who interfered in every way with our plans and rights, heeded this warning when told by Dewey that he must desist, and that if he wanted war with the United States he could have it in five minutes. Calm, resolute courage and wisdom have characterized the conduct of our naval officers in the most trying and critical situations.

"Language is inadequate to convey the debt of obligation and gratitude due the navy. In times of peace it surveys and charts the trackless deeps, maps and marks the dangers in the routes of commerce, makes researches for science and learning, stands as sentinels on the outposts of civilization, opens up for commerce new and hostile countries, and in every part of the world by its activity and courage it redresses American wrongs and asserts American rights; it is the best guardian of the interests of this great commercial people.

Need for Effective Navy.

"To be able to defend all our large interests and rights, to perform our part of the world's work, requires a large and efficient navy. All our conflicts and wars of the future will either be upon the seas or in foreign countries. No nation is strong enough or foolish enough to invade our territory. Our future battles will be either for defense or supremacy on the seas. Our national greatness and glory are inseparably interwoven with the future of our navy. In modern civilization, with its complexities of trade and commerce, that nation will be paramount in the world and arbiter of its destinies which is supreme on the sea. Naval supremacy ultimately means national pre-eminence and triumph.

"Our past history has shown us the necessity for a splendid navy and how many difficulties and disasters we have averted by our naval successes. The demand for a great navy in the future will far transcend any which existed in the past. The United States has ceased to be an isolated and provincial nation. It has become a world power, and must accept and perform its work, duty, and responsibility.

"Our foreign commerce, our exports of mineral, manufactured, and agricultural products far exceed those of any other nation. By tradition, by home, and by self-interest we are compelled to maintain at all hazards the Monroe doctrine, and to extend our protecting arms to the nations of the western hemisphere.

"We have possessions and large commercial interests in the Orient which require constant care and protection. Our national honor, prosperity, and power are dependent upon our carefully guarding these varied interests and successfully doing our destined work."

JOHN K. COWEN FARM SOLD.
Notchcliffe, consisting of 470 Acres, to Go Under the Hammer.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Baltimore, Dec. 15.—Judge Burke in the Circuit Court at Towson to-day signed a decree for the sale of the John K. Cowen farm, now owned by the widow of the railroad president, Mrs. Helen A. W. Cowen. The farm is known as Notchcliffe and consists of about 470 acres situated near Loch Raven. It is improved by valuable buildings.

The sale is ordered as a result of the suit of Mrs. Cowen's creditors, including the Calvert Bank, which claims \$16,000; George Whitlock, whose claim is \$1,250, and others. James H. Preston, David Stewart, and John B. Deming were appointed trustees to make the sale. They gave bond for \$5,000.

Missing Man's Body Found.
Special to The Washington Herald.
Richmond, Va., Dec. 15.—The body of Joseph Montgomery was found on the Montgomery farm, Tree Hill, in Henrico County, yesterday afternoon. Montgomery disappeared from his home on Grove avenue on Wednesday, since which time his friends and members of his family have been seeking him everywhere. His death is believed to be the result of heart failure. He was forty years of age, and leaves a wife, one son, and two daughters.

Held Without Bail for Attack.
Special to The Washington Herald.
Winchester, Va., Dec. 15.—After being given a hearing to-day, John Curry, the negro, charged with attacking Sophie Laper, an aged colored woman, of Stephen City, this county, was remanded to jail without bail, to await the result of the woman's injuries. She is in a precarious condition. Feeling is intense against Curry.

Harrisville Girl Elopes.
Special to The Washington Herald.
Winchester, Va., Dec. 15.—Her parents being opposed to her marriage on account of her youth, Miss Mary E. Whitacre, of Harrisville, Shenandoah County, was met in Winchester by her fiancé yesterday, and the pair eloped to Hagerstown and were married. They left to-day for their future home in Shenandoah County.

John Swanson Found Dead.
Special to The Washington Herald.
Winchester, Va., Dec. 15.—John Swanson, a well known Winchester man, was found dead in his room to-day. Swanson was fifty-five years of age, and is survived by his widow, who is very ill, two sisters, and one brother.

WHITE WILL ACCEPT OFFICE.

Norfolk, Lawyer Also Plans Some Changes in R. F. & P. Road.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Richmond, Va., Dec. 15.—William Henry White will accept the office of president of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad.

Mr. and Mrs. White were greatly impressed while on their short visit to this city. Mr. White said that the acceptance of the position would naturally necessitate some radical changes in his life. "He will be forced to break up his home in Norfolk to come here. The newly elected president of the railroad talked with members of the notification committee, and told them indirectly that he would accept the position.

Prominent citizens of the city will assist in according the new president a hearty welcome when he comes here. Following the coming of Mr. White, a number of important changes will be made, so far as the manner of conduct of the offices of the company in this city is concerned. It is understood that improvements will be made and several of the officials transferred.

BUSY ON POLITICS AGAIN

Alexandrians Figuring on Congressional Possibilities.

Illness of Representative Rixey Gives Rise to Discussion of Other Candidates in His Place.

WASHINGTON HERALD BUREAU, (Herald Telegrams 123.)
Center of Prince and Royal Streets.

Alexandria, Va., Dec. 15.—Local politicians have begun to discuss the election of a representative from this district in Congress when the term of Representative John F. Rixey expires nearly two years hence. Mr. Rixey is now in a sanatorium in New York State, where he is seeking to regain his health, and it is not generally known whether he contemplates becoming a candidate to succeed himself. Among those mentioned as probable candidates are Charles C. Carlin, of this city; Charles White, of Warrenton; ex-Speaker Ryan, of the Virginia house of delegates, and Judge Charles E. Nicol, of Manassas.

Several civil and criminal cases will come before the United States Court for the Eastern district of Virginia, Judge Edmund Vaddell presiding, at the winter term, which begins in this city January 7. Among the cases on the law docket which will be called is the damage suit of Howard C. Knudsen against Grand Mackey, Commonwealth attorney of Alexandria County. In the declaration, which was filed more than a year ago, the plaintiff alleges that he was unlawfully arrested in Alexandria County at the instance of Mr. Mackey, and also that he was unlawfully prosecuted by the defendant.

The suit of Arthur G. Williams against the Washington, Arlington and Falls Church Railway Company is also on the docket for this term. Among the criminal cases to be tried are those of T. B. Berry, charged with illicit distilling, and Samuel J. Hopkins, charged with carrying on a retail liquor dealer's business without having paid the required special tax.

Special vesper services will be held to-morrow evening at 7:30 o'clock in St. Mary's Catholic Church, when the Psalms will be chanted by the male choir. Rev. Father Peschges, of the Apostolic Mission House, of Brookland, D. C., will deliver the sermon. His subject will be "The Church the Teacher of Mankind."

The services at the Second Presbyterian Church to-morrow will be conducted by Rev. David Wills. It is expected that Rev. James R. Sevier, who has accepted the call to the church, will shortly complete arrangements for taking charge of the pastorate.

Grace Church Chapter, No. 131, Brotherhood of St. Andrew, has elected the following officers for the ensuing term: Rev. Edgar Carpenter, rector; Henry Harris, director; Carl C. Brawner, vice director; Clark Starnell, secretary, and Arthur King, treasurer. Warren Grimes was chosen delegate to the executive committee.

Patrick Murphy died this evening at his home, 709 Franklin street. He was about thirty-two years of age and unmarried. The deceased was a son of John Murphy.

Frederick Moore, of New York, secretary to Booker T. Washington, will deliver an address to-morrow night in Roberts M. E. Chapel (colored), on South Washington street.

Former Sergt. James T. Smith will on Monday tender his resignation as a member of the police force. He will enter the local employ of the Washington Southern Railway Company. Sergt. Smith has been a policeman in this city for several years, and has a good record for faithfulness and efficiency.

Ex-Mayor Thompson Is Dead.
Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 15.—Ex-Mayor Thompson, for many years a well known business man, who erected the Palace Hotel, died here last night.

CHRISTENS WAR SHIP

The Montana Is Successfully Launched at Newport News.

VESSEL 60 PER CENT FINISHED

Miss Minnie Conrad Breaks Bottle of Native Wine on Prow as Man-of-war Starts Down the Ways—Assistant Secretary of the Navy Present at the Ceremony.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Newport News, Va., Dec. 15.—Another new naval queen was given her initial baptism at the yards of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company to-day when the United States armored cruiser Montana was successfully launched.

For the first time in the history of this great shipbuilding plant the launching was held before 9 o'clock, because the tide was high at that hour. Contrary to the usual custom the yard was not closed, and the 7,000 men employed in the yard worked on almost unconscious of the big event that was taking place along the water front. The gates were thrown open to the public, and several thousand people, many of them strangers, witnessed the launching.

Christened with Native Wine.

A fair granddaughter of the Old Dominion, Miss Minnie Conrad, the daughter of W. G. Conrad, a millionaire mine and ranch owner of Montana, had the proud honor of giving the new war ship its name. As the vessel started on her short journey down the ways she resolutely clasped the suspended bottle of American wine, and with all the strength in her shapely right arm she hurled it against the ship's prow. Only those in the immediate vicinity were able to distinguish her words as she said, "I christen thee Montana."

The heavy mass of steel and iron gathered momentum with each succeeding instant, and in less than a minute after she began to move her stern had struck the water and her bow had left the ways. She suddenly righted herself, and the great ship was adrift.

But 60 Per Cent Completed.

A mighty shout went up, and the shrill whistles of dozens of small steamers and tugboats rent the air, a formal and fitting greeting to a new queen of the deep. Tugs laid hold of the great hulk by means of cables and hawsers and towed her into a waiting berth, where she will remain for several months while she is being completed. As a matter of fact, the vessel is not more than 60 per cent finished at this time, and will remain at the yard for about a year before she is ready to go into commission. Her sister ship, the North Carolina, was launched on October 5 last, and is several per cent nearer completion than the Montana. The North Carolina will be ready for trial trip early in the fall, and the Montana will go out two months later.

In the Christening Party.

Montana was represented at the launching by Hon. Martin Magness, who was formerly that State's representative in Congress before Montana became a State. Gov. Toole was unable to be present, and sent Hon. Mr. Magness in his stead. Miss Conrad was attended by her sister, Miss Blanche Conrad, and her father, who owns Virginia as his native State, also occupied a place on the christening platform. The Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company was represented by General Manager Walter A. Post, who was the first to congratulate the sponsor upon the successful accomplishment of her purpose. The government was represented by Assistant Secretary of the Navy Newberry, Secretary Bonaparte being unable to attend.

The party remained on the platform for several minutes after the ship had taken to the water, and then left the stand. The guests were taken to the Warwick Hotel, where the shipbuilding company had prepared the customary post-launching breakfast. The success of the event was highly satisfactory to everybody and the greatest enthusiasm prevailed at the breakfast.

Never Had Unsuccessful Launching.

Miss Conrad and her party left to-night for Montana, via Washington. It is possible that she will visit her father's summer home in the Shenandoah Valley of this State before returning to her native State. Mr. Magness will return to Montana direct.

The actual launching of the ship was accomplished by General Superintendent of Hull Construction M. V. Doughty and Superintendent Homer L. Ferguson. It is a matter of record that this yard has never had an unsuccessful launching, although the armored cruiser Maryland stuck at the bottom of the ways when she was launched three years ago and was not gotten off for three days.

The Montana will be, when completed, one of the fastest ships in the American navy. Her contract calls for a speed of 22 knots, but her builders are confident that she can easily excel this mark by at least one knot.

The Montana is the last war ship on the stocks of the Newport News ship-

yard, and when this vessel is commissioned, the Newport News shipyard will be without government work, excepting a number of steel dredges and barges under construction here for the Isthmian Canal Commission.

The construction of the armored cruisers Montana and North Carolina was provided by an act of Congress, approved April 27, 1897. The contract was let to the Newport News shipyard at a price of \$3,555,000 for each vessel, both of which were to be completed within thirty-six months from date of contract, which was January 3, 1896.

The dimensions of the Montana are as follows: Length on load water line, 502 feet; length over all, 504 feet 5 1/2 inches; breadth extreme, 72 feet 10 1/2 inches; depth amidships molded, 45 feet 2 1/2 inches; draft, full load, mean, 27 1/2 inches; displacement, fully loaded, 15,580 tons; displacement on trial, 14,500 tons; total coal capacity, 2,000 tons; maximum speed, 22 knots; indicated horsepower, main engines, 23,000. The Montana will be fitted with heavy armament and guns of the latest approved type. She will also be equipped with wireless telegraphy. A great deal of extra room is given for officers aboard the ship by reason of the fact that the ship contains no admiral's quarters, as it is never intended to use her for a flag ship.

SEVERN RIVER LAND SOLD.

Three Valuable Tracts Near Annapolis Find Purchasers.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Annapolis, Md., Dec. 15.—Another deal in county property on the shores of the Severn River was completed yesterday afternoon, when E. P. Baugh, of Baltimore, purchased a 200-acre farm from W. T. Revell for \$17,500, and the adjoining farm of slightly over 200 acres from R. G. Henry, of Baltimore, for which he paid \$12,500.

Another real estate transaction of some importance recently completed was the transfer of Pleasant Plains farm, also on the shores of the Severn, from John E. Pettibone to W. P. Hall, of Talbot County. Mr. Hall paid \$25,000 for the property.

STRUCK BY FAST TRAIN.

William Anderson Killed by a Pennsylvania Passenger.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Lanham, Md., Dec. 15.—William Anderson, aged seventy-two, one of the most respected citizens of Prince George County, was run down and killed by a train at Arduick Station, on the Pennsylvania Railroad, at 1:30 p. m. to-day.

He was out driving, and in attempting to cross the track at a dangerous crossing near the station was ground to pieces, and the buggy was torn into splinters.

Mr. Anderson was a prosperous farmer. He was a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at Lanham. His wife died about a year ago. He leaves four sons and one daughter.

PLANS MONUMENT TO KEY.

Baltimore Man Gives \$25,000 on Condition City Provides Site.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Baltimore, Dec. 15.—This city is at last to have a fitting memorial of Francis Scott Key, the Maryland patriot, who wrote the stirring national hymn, "The Star-Spangled Banner," while watching the bombardment of Fort Mifflin, in this city, from the decks of a British war ship on the morning of September 14, 1814.

To-day announcement was made that Charles L. Marburg has decided to donate \$25,000 for the purpose of erecting an appropriate memorial in Baltimore City, provided the city will give a suitable site.

LAM IS FOUND GUILTY

Jury Gives Hensley's Slayer Sixteen Years in Prison.

TRIAL FILLED WITH TRAGEDY

Two Witnesses Stricken With Paralysis, Another Becomes a Raving Maniac, and Two Marry During Hearing—Father Testifies Against Daughter in Defense of Husband.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Harrisonburg, Va., Dec. 15.—The curtain was rung down to-night on a domestic tragedy replete with lights and shadows, when the jury in the case of Thomas L. Lam found the accused guilty of murder in the second degree, and fixed his punishment at sixteen years in the penitentiary, for killing Frank P. Hensley.

The train of tragic sequels to the killing of Hensley dragged through the ten-day trial of Lam, sensation following sensation. In the heat of the trial, one gray-haired woman and a man eighty years of age were stricken with paralysis; the husband of a woman whose character was assailed, became a raving maniac, and in the midst of all this wreck and ruin of body and character Cupid showed his smiling face and linked the hearts of two young people who had been called as witnesses in this drama.

Father Testifies Against Daughter.

Thomas L. Lam killed Frank P. Hensley on November 3. His defense was that the dead man had acted improperly toward Lam's sixteen-year-old bride, of six months, who was a second cousin of the deceased.

The wife's father, Rev. Stephen Hensley, a pastor in a local Methodist church, in defense of his son-in-law, testified against the character of one of his own daughters, and also against the character of the dead man's stepmother, the names of both women being associated with the conduct of the victim.

The aged stepmother, whose name was thus brought into the case, was stricken with paralysis, and testified from a cot on which she was carried into the courtroom.

Insanity, Paralysis, and Marriage.

The husband of a sister of Mrs. Lam became a raving maniac while the trial was in progress, as a result of attacks on his wife's character.

The prisoner's mother-in-law was prostrated in the courthouse as the trial neared its close.

Another witness, Jackson Wyant, a man of eighty years, was stricken with paralysis while attending court.

Another feature was the marriage at the courthouse, during a recess, of two young people, both related to Lam's wife and the murdered man, and who had been summoned as witnesses in the case.

The jury was taken to the scene of the murder yesterday at the instance of the defense.

It is thought to-night that several jurors favored the extreme penalty, while the majority took a stand for a lesser degree of murder, the verdict being a compromise.

The murder followed a quarrel between Lam and his wife at Hensley's home. Hensley interfered, and Lam called him into the room and emptied the contents of a shotgun into him.

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- Roller Skates.....\$1.00 up
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